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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: --Unknown--
(A 371 App. of No. PCT/GB00/01829)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
EPITAXIALLY GROWING A
MATERIAL ON A SUBSTRATE

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please amend the claims as follows. This amendment is based on the specification and claims as set forth in amended sheets 2, 3, 3a, and 11-13 submitted with a letter dated February 20, 2001 (as referred to in the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER). Copies of the amended sheets from the IPER are also attached to this Preliminary Amendment for convenience sake.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 2-5, 9-10, 12-13, 15, 19-23 as follows:

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2. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the species are supplied separately to the region by the relative movement of the substrate to cause the movement of the region with respect to the locations at which decomposition of the precursors occurs.